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City dumps on Valley again

Why is it that when the City considers where to dump its problems it always looks at the Southeast section? Why are we always the last to know of their proposals? Why are they not required to substantiate the findings and conclusions fully, and provide the level of detail standard and necessary in other EIR documents so decision makers can make informed decisions? How can such a deficient document be the basis of a major policy determination for our neighborhood without any one consulting us?

The City of San Francisco's Chief Administrative Officer, Rudy Nothenberg, recently released the Hazardous Waste Management Plan and Hazardous Waste Management Plan EIR for the City and County of San Francisco. The Planning Commission held a hearing on the document on April 27, 1989, during which representatives from the Southeast section of San Francisco complained that the people in the communities and neighborhoods who would be most severely impacted

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under the Plan and EIR had not been notified about the existence of the documents, and had not been provided an opportunity to review the documents and make comments. Based on these complaints, the Planning Commission continued the hearing and comment period to June 8, 1989. The item will be heard again by the Commission on that date in Room 282 of City Hall, sometime after 1:00 p.m.

What does the Plan and EIR mean for the Southeast section? Although the project description is vague and the EIR is a program EIR which generally only considers broad policy objectives and not a specific project, the documents clearly set the City on a course to approve the construction of a new, multi-county hazardous waste facility in the Southeastern section of San Francisco.

The plan strongly suggests that hazardous waste facilities will be banned in Mission Bay and the South of Market areas. Thus, the Southeast neighborhoods of Bayview-Hunter's Point, Little Hollywood, and Visitacion Valley will be affected. This result is substantiated by the following statements contained in the document:

"(The Plan's consideration of hazardous waste facility sites)... concentrates on the Southeast section of the City. This area contains the industrial districts and most of the non-household waste generation sources. This area also contains lots large enough for the development of most types of TSD facilities. This, siting of TSD facilities serving industrial uses is more likely in this part of the City, both as a result of the stock and cost of available land, and as a result of the DHS criteria that TSD facilities be located close to waste generation sources to minimize the transportation of hazardous wastes." (Page 56.)

"(T)he City's current rezoning efforts for the South of Market Area and the Mission Bay Area... may eliminate portions of these areas from consideration for facility siting." (Page 52)

"The greatest treatment capacity need, for oil recovery, could be satisfied with the existing in county TSD facility, H&H Ship Service, which would have capacity for the year 2000...: however, as part of the ongoing Mission Bay planning process, this facility may be required to move from its present location." (Page 45.) (Emphasis Added)

"The TSD facility may not be sited on military land (i.e., Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard)." (Page 52.)

It is interesting to note that the City's approval of the new Executive Park development plan included conditions that protect Sanitary Fill from zoning changes which might result in the waste facility being relocated. However, there is no discussion on

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Do you want a Hazardous Waste Dump in VisValley???

Bring your friends and neighbors to hear the City's plans

Come and voice your opinion

Public Meeting at
Visitacion Valley Community Center
50 Raymond Avenue
Mon., June 5 6:30 p.m.

Ngai wins big scholarship

Allan Ngai, an eighth grader at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Middle School, has been accepted with scholarship to the prestigious Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire.

Allan learned about the opportunity at Exeter through a presentation given to the eighth grade class at MLK last fall. Allan and his family went through a lengthy application process which was rewarded this spring when the acceptance letter arrived.

Allan was born and raised in Macao. He and his family came to the United States in 1986. His parents chose this country because they wanted a good education for their child.

Allan was especially impressed by the Harkness Plan for education that is used at Exeter whereby a teacher and 10 to 12 students sit together in seminar fashion, forming and expressing ideas in the Socratic manner.

Allan hopes to become a lawyer and is looking forward to the challenge of the next four years at Phillips Exeter.

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Centervoice

We had so many wonderful entries in the VVCC Art Show. The judges did a great, but very ditticult job, in awarding prizes. First Place winners were Leonora Jordan (photography), Xiomara Leiva (painting and drawing), Alma Taylor (ceramics and crafts-handbuilt), Alice Young (ceramics and crafts-tabricated), and Melanie Dunbar (children's art).

Other winners were Eddie Guzman, Silvia Chan, Milton Swift, Fred Frelot, Elsie Devine, Emanuel Bonnicci, Helen Doung, Pat Crocker, Graciela Guzman and Alexandra Fuentes.

A lovely reception was held tor the artists on Friday, May 19th, at which time the prizes were awarded. Special thanks go to Tamara Vargas, Alma Taylor, Manuel Bonnicci, Walter Corbin, Al Cunningham, the VVCC Ceramics class and judges Royce Vaughn, Marilyn Mulkeen and Joseph Porter

VVCC has been commissioned as a Navy League Cadet Training Ship, and our first recruits have come on board. This is an interesting program for girls and boys trom 11 to 13.9 years old.

Older youth may be interested in the Sea Cadet program which is currently located at Treasure Island.

Cadets learn navigation, first aid and safety, history, knot tying and all other skills used by sailors. They can earn high ranks by passing tests, and receive special badges to show their achievements. There is a summer "boot camp" that the youth can attend, and many tield trips to military bases and occasional cruises for the older kids.

All receive uniforms and learn military etiquette and have a chance to appear in parades and special events to "strut their stutf."

If you know ot any youth that might be interested in this new activity, tell them to drop by the Community Center to sign up.

Also, we are on the list tor some tield trips tor kids this summer. If you are interested in being notified when a trip is planned, call us at 467-6400 and we will put your name on the list. We'll keep you intormed.

Have a great summer and keep in touch!

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Commentary

No big cuts in health funding

By Mayor Art Agnos

The 1989-90 budget increases overall spending for health programs by 5 percent. That increase is over and above added costs for Charter mandated salary raises for City employees.

Improved billing and revenue collection procedures are making it possible tor us to initiate new services to meet new needs, while maintaining essential existing services.

This year the Health Department will begin to provide primary health care at neighborhood district health clinics so that residents will not have to travel to San Francisco General to receive care for ordinary illnesses.

This has the double advantage of improving health service at the neighborhood level and increasing opportunities for maximizing City reimbursement for services provided.

There will be no cuts at San Francisco General Hospital, on which we all depend for emergency care. By the end of this fiscal year the bed count will rise from 330 to 382. Psychiatric beds will increase from 80 to 83.

The budget contains funding for 102 new nursing and non-nursing statf positions to care tor the increased patient load.

It also includes dollars to add three new ambulances for emergency medical services.

The focus of the budget is to insure that health services are provided in the most cost efticient way possible and concentrate on providing care for those who need it most.

We have added $1.3 million new general tund dollars tor care for people with AIDS.

The Health budget contains $250,000 to fund a residential treatment tacility tor pregnant crack cocaine addicted women.

We have added $145,000 to cover California Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements.

Expanding mental health treatment tor jail inmates, as required by Federal Courts, will cost $1.3 million in new general fund dollars.

Based on health Commission and statt recommendations, I have included $2.7 million in new money for 4 percent cost of living increases for agencies that contract to provide mental health and substance abuse services for the City. There will be an additional increase for agency workers who now earn less than $24,000.

Mayor Art Agnos

Without the COLAs, it would be increasingly ditficult for contractors to keep experienced statt and to provide quality services tor the mentally ill.

Although most of the City's 65 mental health clinics will experience no budget cuts, we did have to make some adjustments to accommodate new costs and expanded services in critical areas.

Two small clinics, the Social Skills Center near Civic Center and the 29th Street Outpatient Clinic, will be closed. Clients will be directed to other nearby facilities.

The Alemany Day Treatment Center which now conducts acitivities for 22 clients, will be restructured to provide vocational and independent living skills tor 150-200 clients.

We are also reducing funding for private psychiatric services for medically indigent adults from $750,000 to $640,000 since these private sector providers charge more than Medi-Cal rates.

Earlier this year it was predicted that a projected $58 million budget shortfall would necessitate deep cuts in health services. By being smart and redirecting our rescurces, we were able to avoid such cuts and still provide new services in priority areas and neighborhood health centers. That's what I call a really balanced budget.

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such requirements with respect to the H&H Ship Service used oil recycling facility and the development of Mission Bay.

The document also states:

"A TSD facility sited in San Francisco, owned and operated by a private firm would likely accept waste from customers in other counties. Therefore, the size of a TSD facility proposed for siting in this county would not be limited in size by the amount of waste generated in-county alone." (Page 37.)

What are the environmental and public health impacts of a new, multi-county hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility in the Southeast section? And what are the alternatives?

The Southeast Community's risk of exposure to hazardous waste emissions and accidents is increased, particularly through air quality issues. For example, the Draft EIR purports to discuss the air quality impacts of the project, yet it discusses neither the issue of toxic air emissions from the treatment technologies identified in the EIR, not the existing local toxic air contaminants of Southeast San Francisco. Instead, while completely ignoring toxic air contaminants and odor problems, the Draft EIR averages out the air quality of the Presidio and Ocean Beach against the proposed location of the new TSD facility, Southeast San Francisco.

Additionally, the document states:

"(T)raffic on the freeway in the Southeast part of the City would increase, with an increased risk of hazardous waste spills." (Page 133.)

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A $5,000 grant for creative non-profits

The San Francisco Foundation has announced the opening of the 15th annual John R. May Award honoring the creative work of a nonprofit organization in the Bay Area.

Nonprofit organizations serving Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco or San Mateo counties are eligible to compete for the $5,000 award. Government agencies are not eligible. The organization nominated should have identified and responded effectively to a significant contemporary problem and mobilized resources toward its resolution. It should demonstrate initiative, cooperation with others addressing this problem and success in its efforts.

The John R. May Award was established in 1975 to maintain the values of creative leadership fostered by Mr. May during his 26 years as Executive Director of The San Francisco Foundation. Last year, the Foundation's Awards Committee chose to honor Battered Women's Alternatives, located in Concord, for its comprehensive program of services addressing the issue of domestic violence.

Nominations for the 1989 John R. May Award will be accepted through June 30th, and must be submitted on forms provided by The San Francisco Foundation. For nomination forms or more information, call the Foundation's Awards Office at 543-0223, Ext. 26.

Dist. 8 Demo Club picnic

Visitacion Valley residents are invited to attend District Eight Democratic Club's annual picnic on Sunday, June 4th in McLaren Park. No admission charge.

Picnic highlights include a cookout and challenge volleyball match with another club. "For years, this picnic has been an enjoyable get-together for our members and their friends; this year, we also invite non-members who are interested in neighborhood issues, especially if they are good volleyball players," said club Vice President Bob Smithers.

Hours are from noon to 5 p.m. at the group picnic area on John Shelly Drive near end of Cambridge Street in McLaren Park. For more information call 239-4286.

Agnos orders new Huerta inquest

Mayor Art Agnos recently ordered a full investigation into when and why information was removed from the personnel file of the San Francisco Police Officer involved in last year's incident with Dolores Huerta.

"I have asked Chief Jordan to conduct a full review and to forward all of his findings to the Police Commission for a public hearing," Agnos said. "I want all the facts brought before the public.

"I cannot comprehend why a supervisor would purge the file of a police officer during a controversial and highly scrutinized grand jury investigation.

"It must be established when the information was removed from the officer's file and for what reason. Only then can it be determined what, if any, disciplinary steps should be taken," the Mayor concluded.

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Racism kept blacks out of white schools

No event mirrors the ambivalence that Blacks must feel about living in America better than a debacle that occurred in San Francisco on July 1, 1872, seven years after the war between the states. A black woman named Harriet Ward, who lived at 1124 Pacific Street with her husband, a barber, wanted to put their 12 year-old daughter in a school closer to where they lived.

The young girl at that time was attending classes at what was known as the Colored School, standing on the northeast corner of Taylor and Vallejo Streets. There were three teachers at the school and 81 black pupils. Each had to pay a monthly tuition of $4.26, but then all children in the San Francisco school system had to pay a fee. The highest charge was $6.54 a month at Boy's High School on the east side of Powell near Clay Street.

When Harriet Ward took her daughter Mary Frances up to the Broadway Grammar School on Broadway between Powell and Mason she thought she had both the law and custom walking with her, and she knew that the school was not full, which was much in her favor. Mary Frances would be entering the sixth grade.

By law pupils living close to a school have first right to attend it.

At the door of Broadway Grammar mother and daughter were met by the principal, Noah Flood, who told them that Mary Francis Ward would not be admitted to the school. He did not open a dialogue with the black mother that would have revealed her daughter's qualifications to attend the new school. All he said was that since she was a colored person she would not be allowed to enroll at Broadway Grammar.

Harriet Ward admitted that she was of African descent. She may not have known that a State of California statute passed in the legislative session of 1863-64 stated that Negroes, Mongolians, and Indians could not be admitted into the public schools. It did provide that parents of ten or more such children could apply to the trustees of any district for the establishment of a separate school supported by public funds. Schools could receive tax money only if they were segregated.

By the time of the court hearing on Mary Frances's denial of admission the law had been rewritten to require the provision of separate schools for black and Indian children. It also specified that if separate schools were not provided, these children had to be admitted into the schools for white children.

The principal met mother and daughter at the door and said the school was not for them.

At the hearing Noah Flood claimed that Mrs. Ward did not present him with a certificate of transfer as required, stating her child's name, age, grade, scholarship, deportment, residence, and cause of transfer.

This was true, however Mrs. Ward could have obtained this document the next day.

The decision that came down from the California State Supreme Court in essence said that the legislature could not, while providing a system of education for the youth of the state, exclude children from its benefits merely because of their African descent. But the court noted that the law providing for the education of black children in separate schools at public expense was not in conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Thirteenth and Fourteenth amendments, and that black children could be excluded from schools established for white children when schools had been established for blacks.

In other words the "separate but equal" principle

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Initial Fact Sheet for the Southern Pacific Transportation Company Rail Yard Site, Brisbane, CA June, 1989

INTRODUCTION

This is the first of a series of fact sheets that will be prepared by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTCo) to provide community members and other interested individuals and organizations, with information about the SPTCo Rail Yard site in Brisbane, California. This fact sheet includes background information about the site, as well as information about the testing and clean-up process. Opportunities for community involvement in the project are also described.

Project fact sheets will be published periodically and distributed to homes and businesses in the City of Brisbane, as well as in the Visitacion Valley, Bayshore and Little Hollywood neighborhoods of San Francisco. They will also be mailed to other interested individuals and organizations on our project mailing list.

Southern Pacific Rail Yard, 1975

SITE HISTORY

SPTCo has owned land at the base of Visitacion Valley since 1896. When SPTCo originally purchased the property, it consisted of a small strip of land to the east of Bayshore Boulevard. The parcel was subsequently extended further east by placement of fill on the Bay mud flats. The current size of the SPTCo parcel is approximately 440 acres. SPTCo developed the western 180 acres of the parcel as a rail yard in the early 1900's. The rail yard was used for railcar rehabilitation and locomotive maintenance operations from 1914 to 1983. The eastern 260 acres of the property were developed as The Brisbane Landfill, which was used for general refuse disposal between 1933 and 1967. Over the past twenty years, SPTCo has been removing tracks and dismantling

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS:

Two public information meetings will be held in June to review the site study and clean-up program. Representatives of DHS and SPTCo will be available to answer questions regarding the rail yard site. The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Brisbane Community Center,** located at 250 Visitacion Avenue in Brisbane. The second meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m.**, in the gymnasium at the **Visitacion Valley Community Center,** located at 50 Raymond Avenue in San Francisco.

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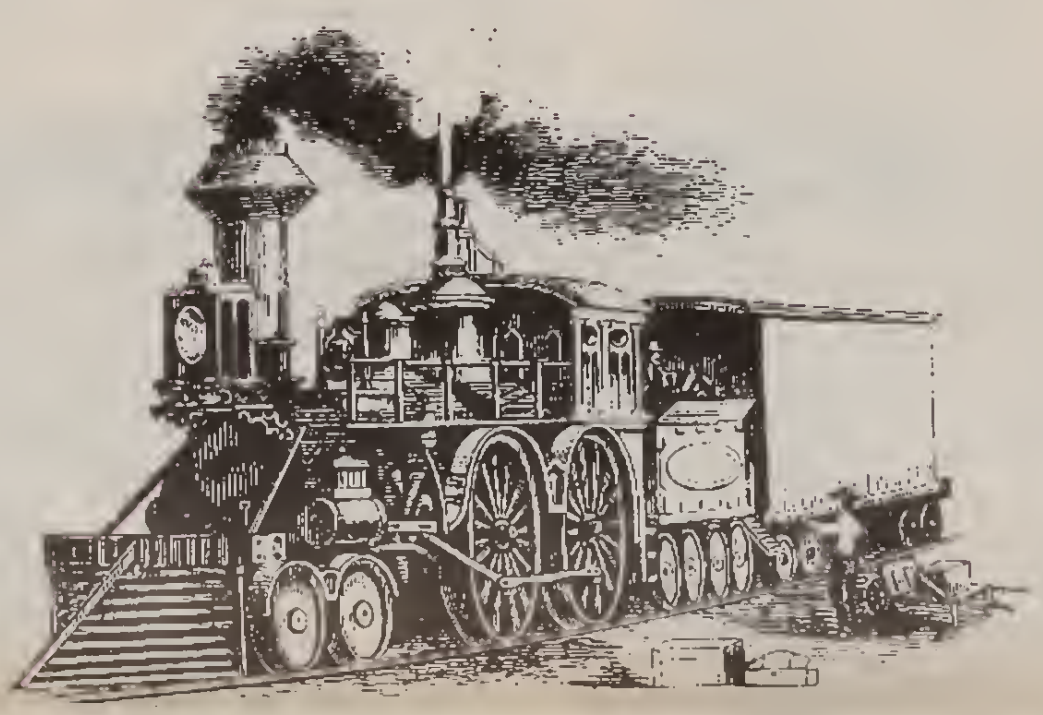
structures on the rail yard property as part of a site renovation and pre-development effort. A land reclamation program was initiated for the landfill property in 1967 and is continuing at present.

In December, 1988, the California Department of Health Services (DHS) issued a Remedial Action Order to SPTCo requiring that any contamination at the rail yard site, or emanating from it, be thoroughly investigated and cleaned up. The area subject to the clean-up order encompasses the 180-acre parcel bounded by Bayshore Boulevard on the west, Sunnydale Avenue on the north, Industrial Way on the southwest and Tunnel Avenue on the east.



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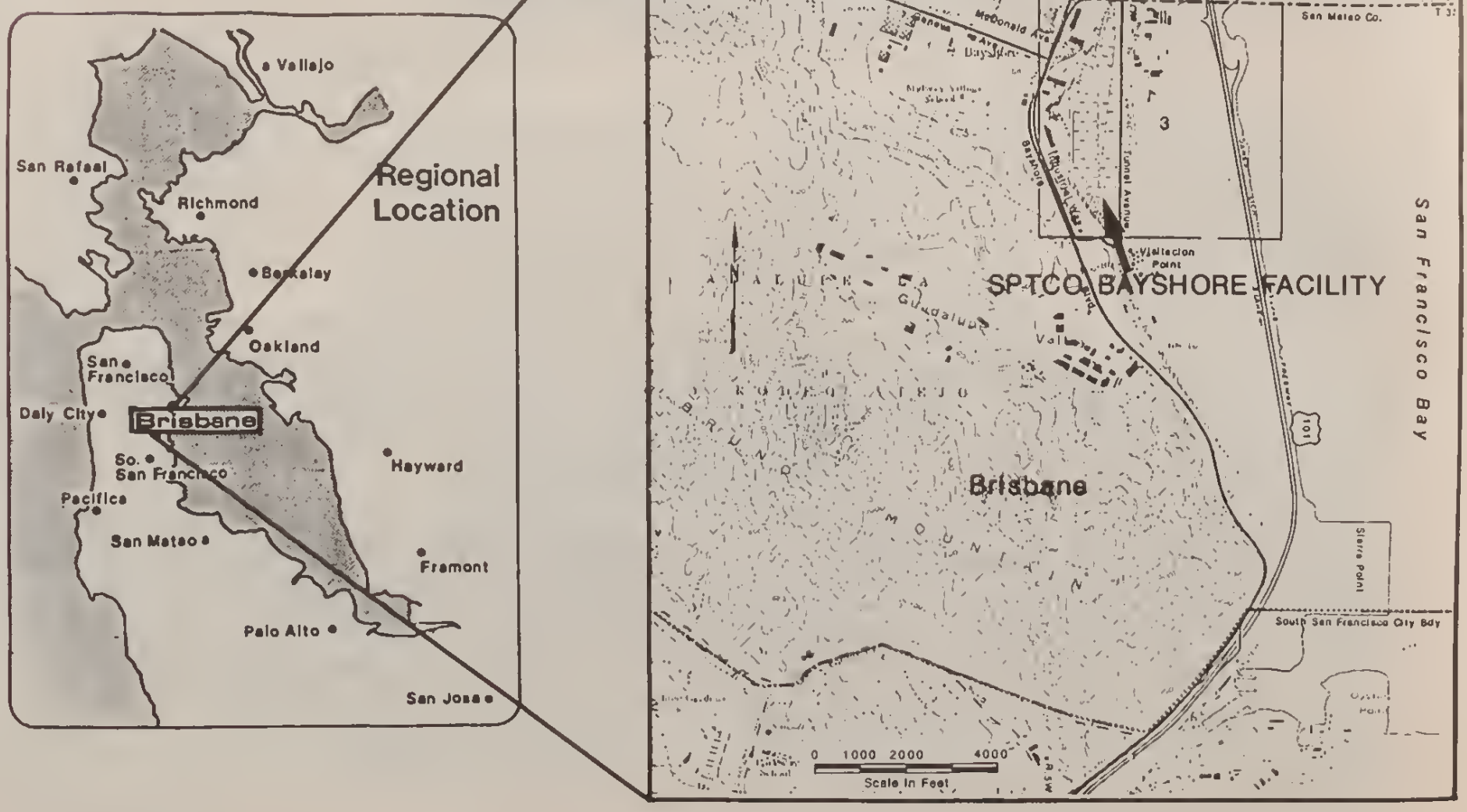

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SITE INVESTIGATIONS AND FINDINGS

Since 1981, three extensive investigations of soil and ground-water quality at the facility have been conducted. The investigations have consisted primarily of drilling boreholes for geological logging and soil sampling, and the installation of ground-water monitoring wells. Soil and ground water samples collected during the investigations have been analyzed for a variety of hazardous compounds. The geological investigation has indicated that ground water exists beneath the SPTCo rail yard property in two aquifer zones. The ground water in the shallow zone is considered to be unsuitable for drinking due to its high dissolved mineral content. Ground water in the deeper zone is of suitable quality for drinking, although no drinking water wells currently exist in the area.

The chemical analyses completed to date have indicated that elevated concentrations of the metals arsenic, barium, copper, lead and zinc are present in soil and shallow ground water in several locations on the site, including the former disposal site in the southern portion of the facility and isolated locations in the turntable and ditch areas. Organic solvents have also been detected in the shallow ground water in the turntable area and in both the shallow and deeper ground-water zones in the northwest corner of the site. Oil has been observed floating on the water table in the turntable area of the facility, and petroleum hydrocarbons were found in the soil in both the turntable and the dismantled tank areas.

Testing at the site

POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS

The major routes of human exposure to any toxic substance are through inhalation, ingestion, or skin contact. SPTCo's environmental consultants have performed a preliminary assessment of the health risks posed by the rail yard site through each of these exposure pathways, and have concluded that at the present time the health risks are minimal. Access to the rail yard is currently restricted by berms and chain link fencing.

In compliance with the Remedial Action Order issued by DHS, a comprehensive study of all contamination problems at or near the site is now being performed. This study, known as a Remedial Investigation (RI), is being conducted to further characterize the sources, nature and extent of the contamination, as well as any public health risks. The methods and findings of the RI will be documented in a Remedial Investigation Data Study Report, which will be completed and made available for public review this summer.

After the RI Study has been approved, SPTC will complete a Feasibility Study (FS) for the site. The FS will identify and evaluate a variety of alternative approaches that might be taken to address contamination at the site. Clean-up alternatives which protect public health and the environment will be evaluated as to their effectiveness, reliability and cost. The two part study, consisting of the Remedial Investigation and the Feasibility Study must be completed before SPTCo and the regulatory agencies will make a final decision regarding the most appropriate clean-up program for the site.

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LOCAL INFORMATION REPOSITORIES:

Information repositories have been established in Brisbane and in Visitacion Valley for public use. Repository locations and hours are listed below:

Brisbane Public Library

250 Visitacion Avenue
Brisbane, CA 94005
Telephone: (415) 467-2060

Hours:	Mon.,Tues.,Wed.	12:00-8:00
	Thursday	12:00-6:00
	Saturday	11:00-4:00

Visitacion Valley Community Center

50 Raymond Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94134
Telephone: (415) 467-6400

Hours:	Mon.- Fri.	7:00 -6:00
	Sunday	12:00-6:00

The repositories will contain important documents relating to the site, such as RI and FS reports, the Community Relations Plan for the project, and copies of any fact sheets relating to the rail yard site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

The State of California Department of Health Services is the lead agency for the remedial action process at the site, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) is an actively participating support agency. The following individuals can provide further information about the SPTC rail yard project:

Government Agency Representatives:

Rick Robison, Project Manager, OR
Shirley Buford, Community Relations Officer
Department of Health Services
Toxic Substances Control Division
5850 Shellmound
Emeryville, CA 94608
(415) 540-2043

Southern Pacific Transportation Company:

Greg Shepherd
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One Market Plaza, Room 1004
San Francisco, CA 94105
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A community relations program has been developed as part of the remedial action process for the SPTC Rail Yard site. This program is designed not only to keep the community informed of site related activities, but also to provide the community with opportunities to comment on and provide input for technical decisions regarding the site. The specific community relations program that has been developed for the SPTC rail yard project is described in the Community Relations Plan (CRP), which is available for public review in the information repositories in Brisbane and Visitacion Valley. The CRP provides additional information about the SPTC rail yard site and recommends community relations activities to be conducted during the remedial action process for the site.

Agency staff, community officials and representatives of neighborhood organizations will be kept informed about the project throughout the remedial action process. Fact sheets will be distributed periodically to community members and other interested parties as new information about the site becomes available. Initial public information meetings will be held in Brisbane and Visitacion Valley on June 20 and 21, 1989.

Upon completion of the FS, a fact sheet will be distributed to community members to inform them of the study results and explaining the rationale for preferred clean-up plans. The FS report will be made available for public review, and there will be a public review and comment period lasting a miniumum of thirty days. During the comment period, public meetings will be held in Brisbane and in Visitacion Valley to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed plans for site clean-up.

All written and oral comments received during the public comment period will be considered in the selection of the final remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be explained in a formal public document called the Record of Decision (ROD). After the ROD has been published, the clean-up program for the site will be designed and implemented.

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Toxic

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"TSD facilities have the potential for releasing toxic air contaminants. TSD facility could be a direct source of emissions through the hazardous waste treatment or storage process or through an accidental release..." (Page 126.)

"(T)he public may be exposed to toxic substances through contact with contaminated land and water, and by breathing contaminated air (polluted by incinerator emissions or accidentally released fumes from other treatment facilities)..." (Page 147.)

What are the alternatives to a new multi-county hazardous waste facility in Southeast San Francisco? One of the main purposes of an EIR is to thoroughly consider the alternatives to the proposed plan/project. This EIR is severely inadequate in this area. There are several elements of the Plan that focus on education programs aimed at reduction of hazardous waste generation yet only one element is proposed regarding the development of various treatment, storage and disposal facilities. The document indicates there is not enough hazardous waste generated in San Francisco (outside of waste oil) to support development of a facility within the City.

Furthermore, if a facility is built it would have to accept hazardous waste from other

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Bayshore

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in public education was legal under state and federal statutes then existing.

The Board of Education and the superintendent of schools knew they were legally right in barring Mary Frances Ward from attending classes at Broadway Grammar, but the superintendent was evidently aware that morally their case had as much substance as the morning fog. In his assessment of the colored schools in May 1874 he wrote, "I regret to report that the progress of these schools has not been satisfactory."

"This is not owing so much to the inefficiency of the teachers as to the general dissatisfaction of the colored people with the maintenance of separate schools for their children."

"They take but little interest in sustaining their present schools, and will be satisfied with nothing less than the admission of their children into the other public schools of this city."

Sources:

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(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Keep on an optimistic wave length. Negative thinking will lead to negative action; you've had enough already.

PISCES:

(Feb. 20 - Mar. 19) You're on a self-improvement kick, giving up bad, unwanted habits. Be careful and make healthy choices, for there are somethings you'd be better off not giving up.

ARIES:

(Mar. 20 - Apr. 19) You're a lousy liar and it's a good thing because you get caught nearly every time. You're tempted this month to tell a little white lie that could cost you a lot.

TAURUS:

(Apr.. 20 - May 19) Your tendency toward laziness must now be avoided. Get out and assert yourself or you're bound to miss something wonderful.

GEMINI:

(May 20 - June 21) A fun month is in store for you. Discipline yourself and don't over indulge. Enjoy and watch your cash.

CANCER:

(June 22 - July 22) Your conversational skills will improve this month, finding it easier to join different group and participate in shared interests.

LEO:

(July 23 - Aug. 22) You may need to initiate communication if you want it to continue. Sigh, roar, growl, but talk.

VIRGO:

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Don't be nosy, be happy. Your emotional involvement in another's problems may prove more exhausting than you think.

LIBRA:

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) The scale is somewhat lop-sided now, yet it offers you challenge and growth. Things will work out, they always do for you.

SCORPIO:

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Are you contemplating a career change? It's a good time, and when opportunity knocks, answer the door!

SAGITTARIUS:

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) This is a month to be cautious and most selective. Believe none of what you hear and only half of what you see.

Ciao Pinin

That Terrible Pinin

When you reach the age of no-can-do, you can always switch your thoughts to any event in your past life that you wish to relive and dwell upon.

As the spinning of a tape recorder, you can reverse or advance the image in your mind to the desired period in your life.

Thoughts are without weight or substance, but they can be captured, enslaved and given permanency by the written word.

This takes me back to a fleeting period of my young life when I was known as 'That Terrible Pinin.'

Some people are born on the wrong side of the tracks. I was born in the middle, straddling the tracks. The front of our store was facing affluence and a certain amount of gentility. The back was the pits - the oldest, crummiest part of town, the refuge of thieves, pimps and prostitutes, the favorite locale of moving pictures moguls who frequently chose it for their gangsters' movies.

Why was I called 'that terrible Pinin?' Being small in size and easily accessible at the store I was constantly being set up, abused and pushed around by the "Big Boys," those from back of the store. My mother was no help.

"Don't come crying to me with your problems," she'd say.

I had a few friends my age, boys from the front of the store. We were cruelly harassesd individually and collectively by the other boys, until we finally decided to unite for our mutual protection.

I easily became the leader, and survival was the order of the day. We practiced in all known and unknown arts of self-defense until we became ruthless fighters, tricky, dirty and vicious.

Eventually we reached our goal and were left alone. By then we had to contend with the mothers. In spite of my bad and undeserved reputation, I want to believe that when people came to know me better, they invariable ended up liking me.

The lady came stomping into the store, demanding to see the mother of Pinin. She was fuming and could restrain her anger no longer.

"My boy is not the same anymore," she whined. "Ever since he came under the influence of your son, he has changed completely. I lost control of him. He was such a nice boy, and now he has turned into a roughneck, and I don't like it. I want your son to stop seeing my boy. Who is this Pinin anyway?"

During this altercation, I was sitting in my usual corner, reading. I did not dare move and I was hoping she would not notice me.

My mother was nonplussed. She pointed toward me.

"There he is."

The lady faced me with flashing eyes. She opened her mouth to speak, then closed it again, scrutinizing me for several seconds.

"I can't believe it," she finally said, her wrath gone. "He looks like a little angel!"

My mother was summoned to appear in front of the school principal. I was around twelve and small for my age.

When we arrived, a woman and her son were already waiting for us. He was about two years older than I and much bigger. He was sporting a beautiful black eye.

I well remember that he was the school bully, always picking on smaller boys. When he finally picked on me, I sent him crying to his mother.

He pointed at me as I entered.

"That's him!"

Then his mother started.

"Look at my poor boy. See what that bully did to him. Such behavior should not be tolerated. I demand that he be expelled from school. He is a danger to decent boys."

"Yes, Mrs. Trouble," agreed the principal. He has to be taught a lesson. He should not be allowed to go scot-free."

We practiced in all known and unknown arts of self-defense until we became ruthless fighters, tricky, dirty, and vicious.

"I'll see that he is adequately punished. Leave it to me."

My mother never butted in. She was fidgeting in her chair, worrying about the store.

Finally, Mrs. Trouble huffed her way out, dragging her brat with her. The principal excused himself and left the room.

I was sincerely worried. Who, oh, why was I such a bad boy? I'd never fight again. I did not want to be expelled from school. I promised myself to behave forever and ever. What punishment did the principal have in store for me?

Finally the man came back. In his hands be carried a large piece of cake and a glass of milk. With a twinkle in his eye and without a word, he set both of them in front of me.

The incident was never mentioned again, neither at home nor at school.

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What's doing in the park

Summer classes at Randall Museum

Registration for the Randall Museum Summer Session I begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, at 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. Registration is by lottery.

The summer program offers classes in Textiles, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Mobiles, Jewelry, Masks, Mandalas, Silkscreening, Photography and Woodworking for children.

Children have a chance to work on Animal Murals, learn about jewelry in a Lapidary Workshop, make their own herbal potions, build a model sailboat, make a Leporello, take nautre bus rides, make their own toys, and more!

There is a musical theater workshop for teenagers Oil Painting and Ceramics for adults, and a class on Bay Area Indians!

Call Randall Museum at 863-1399 for further information.

Festival in the Grove

There will be music in the air, songs among the trees and dancing on the stage at San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's annual "Festival in the Grove", The Festival will take place on Sunday, June 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Wawona.

This entertaining free event will feature a program of children and adults in dancing, singing and musical selections. In addition, there will be a preview of summer activities offered to San Francisco youth by the Recreation and Park Department.

Little Hollywood Report

By Don Bertone

New date set for regular general membership meetings.

Little Hollywood Association will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. The reason for this change is that the GRAPEVINE which is delivered to all the households in Little Hollywood the first week of every month, will carry our news. Deadline for information to the GRAPEVINE is the 20th of each month.

The next meeting of the Little Hollywood Improvement Association will be **Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m. at 120 Lathrop Avenue,** the Korean Presbyterian Church. All Visitacion Valley residents and guests are invited. Call 467-9669 for information on this and other issues happening in the valley or to bring something to our attention.

Jet airplane noise seems to be getting louder and more frequent again. I am now attending Airport Noise Commission meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of the month. I hope to learn what can be done about this. More public input is desired, so voice your opinion at the LHIA meeting.

Thanks to Supervisor Willie Kennedy for her help in getting the lot on Bayshore and Blanken paved over. This has been the scene of a few crimes due to the overgrown jungle that used to be there.

A proposal is being made to use Visitacion Valley as a toxic waste dump and storage depot for industrial hazardous wastes from around the city. Public comment was to be made last month at the Planning Commission at which time we had to tell them that we had never seen the EIR, so how could we comment.

The next hearing will be on June 8th. We feel that this is an outrade to put in a facility that might possibly incinerate toxic wastes into the air of our neighborhood and not even both to hold a single meeting with us or notify us that a study was being made over the last two years. We went through this with the trash burner some years ago, and it looks like they're back with some other scheme to poison us.

Toxic

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cities and counties in order to be economically viable.

Yet, despite these important observations, the Draft EIR does not even consider the obvious alternative that certain waste streams should not be treated within the boundaries of San Francisco for economic and public health reasons, but should instead continue to be treated at licensed TSD facilities in less densely populated areas.

Treatment options exist at numerous such locations.

Furthermore, the Draft EIR just dismisses in two sentences the alternative of San Francisco adopting more stringent siting guidelines than those recommended by the California Department of Health Services. These local guidelines could include tough measures to force the reduction of hazardous wastes generated in San Francisco or guidelines that spell out the level of public health risk the people of San Francisco will tolerate from hazardous waste facilities.

Given the population density of San Francisco and the potentially toxic air emissions of TSD facilities, more stringent siting criteria must, at least, be identified and considered.

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'Underground' mural

VisValley's newest mural was unveiled at the May 20 Street Fair.

Located on the Community Center's playground retaining wall, the mural was designed by young and old to portray what might be found under the playground.

Painters worked under the tutelage of Jo Tucker who has designed six Visitacion Valley murals. Anne Kaartunen coordinated the effort.

Dance, royalty, and fun, the Street Fair had it all

With a dos-i-do and a swing your partner, the Pioneer Squares entertained at Vis Valley's Street Fair. The group won second place honors in the parade.

Visitacion Valley's own royalty rode in the parade with full court of honor and was formally presented on stage during the Street Fair.

Petty Officer Jimmy Rebossio is a committee of one recruiting boys and girls, ages 11-15, into the Navy League Ship, San Francisco.

As a member of the Navy League, boys and girls participate in many activities. Following a week long boot camp training, they visit Naval ships and stations and learn military methods and procedures.

For information about the Navy League and Sea Cadets see Centervoice on Page 2.

Lawyers 'adopt' MLK School

The law firm of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison celebrated with Martin Luther King Middle School a newly formed partnership. Personnel and partners of Brobeck will assist the school in delivering quality education to the students.

Working with the faculty and parents, Brobeck volunteers hope to enhance the educational experience and expand the horizons of MLK's students to encourage their future contributions to society.

This new partnership consists of four components: Classroom volunteers, Law-related field trips, Career Day, and Community Arts and Environment Field Trips.

Together, the school and Brobeck expect to expand the partnership to include one-on-one adoption of students by Brobeck personnel for social and academic counseling and other activities, student court programs and special assistance with the school's annual King Family Conference.

Scenic Scamper on the Hill

City Attorney Louise Renne and Mayor Art Agnos (center) started last year's race.

The seventh annual Potrero Hill 8K Scenic Scamper takes place on Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro Street, San Francisco. Pre-registration fees are $10.00 for adults (price includes a t-shirt.) and $2 for children under 12 until June 16. Fees are $12 for adults and $3 for children after June 16.

For more information and registration details, please contact Ruth Passen at 826-8080. Entry blanks are also available in the Potrero View. Late registration will be accepted on the day of the race beginning at 8:00a.m.